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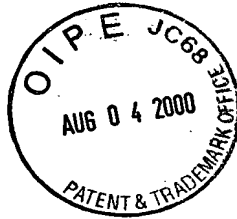
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 4, 2000, please enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 14-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foody et al. (U.S.P.N. 5,732,270; the Foody patent) in view of Mowbray et al. ("The Essential CORBA: System Integration Using Distributed objects," pp.231-267; the Mowbray reference). The Examiner further rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Foody patent and Mowbray reference in view of CORBA Specification 1.1. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

With respect to the rejections of claims 1-12 and 14-21, the Examiner conceded that the Foody patent does not teach or suggest the claimed feature of "without translating the object definition from the second notation into the first notation." The Examiner then cited the Mowbray reference as teaching the aforementioned missing feature.